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Complaint process may be answer

By Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department could go a long way toward easing sexual harassment problems in the military by creating a more independent process for handling such complaints, legal and personnel experts say.

Most harassment complaints in the private sector are handled administratively in civil court, and government civilians have an independent body in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

In comparison, the military "automatically criminalizes" such complaints, said Susan Barnes, the Denver attorney who represents retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster in her legal fight with former Sergeant Major of the Army Gene McKinney. That means that McKinney could have faced 55 years in prison if he had been convicted on all 19 counts against him. None of the charges probably would have brought much more than a fine in civil court. "Even McKinney's detractors would have to admit that 55 years is totally inappropriate," said Kevin Barry, a retired Coast Guard officer who served for many years as a military trial judge.

Harassment accusers must weigh options

By Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Report sexual harassment through your chain of command.

That's the standard advice for female servicemembers. But legal analysts say flaws in the military's system for handling such complaints make dealing with the chain of command a risky endeavor.

"It's sad to say, but I'd be doing a disservice to military women if I encouraged them to make sexual harassment complaints before considering all the very real consequences," said Susan Barnes, a Denver attorney who has been a longtime legal advocate for servicewomen.

Barnes, who represents retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster in her ongoing court battle with former Sergeant Major of the Army Gene McKinney, said that while sensitivity to sexual harassment has increased, a military woman who makes a complaint is still "risking her career, plain and simple."

Pentagon officials declined to comment directly on Barnes' assertion. Instead, they offered statements that Defense Secretary William Cohen made March 14 on CNN.

"I have full confidence in our military and our justice system," Cohen said. "Our policy — is that there should be no harassment of any kind. Any such allegations will be seriously investigated and, if

the facts warrant, prosecution brought."

Cohen re-emphasized that the military's policy on sexual harassment is one of "zero tolerance."

Kevin Barry, a retired Coast Guard officer who spent many years as a military trial judge and is now in private practice, agreed with Barnes.

"Historically, the lesson has been that women who make harassment complaints are branded as whiners who can't hack it in the military, and they're marked for the rest of their careers," Barry said.

Barry said using the chain of command can be uncomfortable because the harassment often originates somewhere within that chain.

"That puts the command on the spot," he said.

"A complaint can't be ignored. But, on the other hand, substantiated charges reflect badly on the command for having allowed conditions to develop in which the harassment could occur."

Other analysts said the message for military women sifting through the fallout from the McKinney case and other recent high-profile sexual misconduct scandals in the military is this: Tread carefully.

Whether to report harassment is "always a difficult decision," said Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Center.

Military will write new guidelines on gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen has ordered new guidelines to explain and enforce the Clinton administration's policy barring the pursuit and harassment of homosexuals in the military.

"Some commanders haven't

gotten the message," Cohen said in a National Public Radio interview Tuesday.

"I have tried to make it very clear that we want this policy fully and fairly implemented. That means there's to be no pursuit, there's to be no harassment, and if it's taking

place, it's something I'm very concerned about," Cohen said. The "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy was initiated in 1994 amid great controversy, attempting to strike a balance between prohibited homosexual conduct in the military and attempts to

maintain the privacy of those who choose not to declare their sexual orientation.

Meanwhile, the Defense Department released a report showing the number of people discharged for homosexuality climbed from 850 in 1996 to 997 last year.

Army plans Space Age uniforms

By Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON — First, there were “smart” weapons that revolutionized warfare with their high-tech precision. Now, the Army is hoping “smart” textiles will do the same for uniforms.

The Army’s Soldier Systems Command has begun to explore military applications for the new field of interactive textiles, which are being developed to do any number of mind-boggling things thanks to the wonders of computer microchips woven into fabrics themselves.

Recent research points to an array of post-Space Age possibilities as materials are developed that can react to the environment, conduct electricity, store energy and even perform computer functions, according to an Army account of the scientific endeavor headquartered at the service’s research and development hub in Natick, Mass.

Experts there say that soldiers of the next century are likely to wear uniforms made of cloth that would quickly detect and react to the weather, by, say, tightening fibers to keep out rain or thinning them out to allow more air flow in hot temperatures.

The uniforms also could be designed to change color to blend into whatever environment soldiers find themselves in, or to swell to repel chemical weapon agents wafting their way. The clothes might even have the capability to instantaneously turn into body armor to shield the wearer from bullets or shrapnel.

Also possible are textiles that can conduct, collect and store energy — and turn it into heat, which could be generated by motion to heat gloves, caps or socks for soldiers stationed in the bitter cold.

Perhaps the most futuristic conception is the notion of embedding artificial mus-

cle into the textiles, to boost a GI’s strength and endurance. Hard to imagine, too, but also possible is integrating microchips and a conducting network into the textile to allow the wearer to be able to turn his uniform into a personal computer, using it to communicate with other troops, store data and even perform computations.

The Army scientists also envisage applying the high-tech textile breakthroughs to parachutes and tents. With parachutes, the new cloth could soften the shock that comes with the opening of the chute and could also be employed to monitor the stresses and strains on the canopy and signal when repairs are needed. The tents could be designed to self-erect in response to the sun or any other external stimuli, as well as to detect and repel chemicals, change color and speedily “harden” to protect against attack.

Philippines, U.S. still fighting over bells

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two church bells taken from the Philippines to Wyoming a century ago by marauding American soldiers are still tolling a tale of bitterness over one of the U.S. military’s most brutal campaigns.

Filipinos want the bells back. Veterans groups and Wyoming’s members of Congress say they must stay as part of a war memorial. When Philippine President Fidel Ramos meets with President Clinton on Friday, they will try to find a compromise on the bells, possibly letting each country keep one and a duplicate.

It could be tough.

“Both sides see in this their own version of the war,” said Brian Linn, a Texas A&M University history professor who wrote a book about the war.

The bells are mounted in an arched brick wall, flanked by a street and parking lot on F.E. Warren Air Force Base just north of Cheyenne. The windswept facility — now a headquarters for intercontinental missiles — originally was the site of Fort Russell and the home of infantry and cavalry units that protected railroad workers laying tracks to California.

“We’ve been after these bells for almost five years now,” said Jose Ebro,

Philippine Embassy spokesman. “We’re optimistic that an announcement might be made” during Ramos’ visit.

Although the two nations have been close most of this century, the bells are a remnant of a bloody period that marked America’s flirtation with imperialism.

The war booty has assumed emotional significance in the Philippines, which this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of its struggle for independence from Spain. That conflict coincided with the Spanish-American War, after which the United States acquired the archipelago and ruled it as a colony for 40 years.

Sub to be named after Carter

By Cox News Service

ATLANTA — The Navy’s newest nuclear submarine will be named after former President Jimmy Carter. Navy Secretary John Dalton is expected to announce the decision today.

Carter said he learned about the decision in January when he visited President Clinton in the White House.

“While I was in the Oval Office, he told me that he and the secretary of the Navy had decided that they wanted to name one of the Seawolf class submarines for me. Obviously, I’m honored,” Carter said in an interview before he left last week

for Africa.

“My last assignment in the nuclear Navy under Admiral (Hyman) Rickover was to help prepare the U.S.S. Seawolf for service,” Carter said. “So, since my service was in the submarine force, and since my career was Navy, and since I have been president and commander in chief of the Navy, and the Army and Air Force, I was very honored.”

Carter said he is hoping to attend a naming ceremony later this month at the Pentagon. The submarine, the third and final in the Seawolf class, is still being built.

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Jets to get wire, fuel inspections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators trying to determine what caused TWA Flight 800 to explode found problems with the wiring and fuel-monitoring systems on that plane and four other Boeing 747s, prompting the federal safety agency to make sweeping recommendations Tuesday that could affect thousands of airliners.

After finding frayed wires, the National Transportation Safety Board asked the Federal Aviation Administration to require wiring and fuel probe inspections on three early series of the jumbo jet, the 747-100, -200 and -300. TWA 800 and the other planes, all older models, had probes with sharp edges that could have frayed some of the planes' wiring.

The NTSB also wants the FAA to require separation or rerouting of fuel-monitoring wires away from bundles of other wires that carry electrical charges. The agency fears that those wires, which carry up to 350 volts, could sent a jolt to one of the fuel wires. In addition, the agency is asking the FAA to require the installation of surge protection systems to prevent electrical jolts from reaching fuel tanks. Only the FAA has the power to mandate the changes, but it immediately issued a statement saying it was already working with Boeing on requiring many of the recommendations. Boeing has been working on directives "that the company believes will address the NTSB's recommendations," the manufacturer said in a statement.

Larry Flynt is

CINCINNATI (AP) — Once again, it's the People vs. Larry Flynt.

The Hustler magazine publisher, who beat an obscenity rap once before, was charged again Tuesday. This time, it's for videos — not his magazine — and this time, it's more serious.

Flynt and his brother, Jimmy, were indicted on 15 felony counts, including selling obscene videotapes to a 14-year-old boy, engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity and conspiracy to engage in a

AWOL Marine claims bigotry at Aberdeen

By Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — A Jewish marine who fled his post at the Aberdeen Proving Ground last month said Tuesday he went absent without leave to avoid the anti-Semitic harassment he suffered there, culminating in a derogatory remark he says someone scribbled on his door.

Joshua Narins, 26, a private based at Aberdeen's weapons school, said he will surrender to Aberdeen authorities today. But first, he said he will hand over a petition asking Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Charles Krulak to investigate hate crimes and "racist and/or extremist activity within the ranks of the Marine Corps, particularly at ... Aberdeen."

Aberdeen and Marine Corps officials said they had some questions about the validity of Narins' harassment complaint but would investi-

gate.

Lt. Col. Scott Campbell, a spokesman at Marine Corps' headquarters in Washington, said Narins' allegations are being taken seriously and that "if these things are corroborated, somebody will be held accountable."

But Ed Starnes, a spokesman for the Ordnance Center and School where Narins was based, said, "There's been some question about who wrote the (derogatory remark on his door) — including, possibly, himself."

First, however, the Marines want to apprehend Narins for his unauthorized departure Feb. 21. Narins was declared a deserter 30 days later. "We're trying to gather information on the allegations," said Capt. Douglas Hibbard, a top Marine staffer at the Aberdeen Army base. "But desertion is a serious offense."

OK of test-ban treaty urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration urged the Senate to ratify a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests by the fall or risk losing a role in trying to prod India, Pakistan and North Korea into signing the agreement.

The pitch by senior administration officials Tuesday was aimed at Sen.

Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who has declined to hold hearings.

Declaring the United States can rely on simulated tests for the American nuclear program, Undersecretary of State John Holum said the Senate has "a historic opportunity" to make it harder for non-nu-

clear nations to develop the weapons.

"Without testing, it's an insurmountable barrier," Holum told reporters as the State Department marked the 10th anniversary of a direct link between Washington and Moscow to alert each other to missile tests or other provocative moves that could jangle nuclear nerves.

again charged in Cincinnati

pattern of corrupt activity.

If convicted of all charges, the Flynt brothers would face up to 24 years in prison. "They threw everything at me but the kitchen sink," Flynt said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles. "Hustler today is more explicit than the issues they prosecuted me on 20 years ago. But (County Prosecutor Joseph Deters) still doesn't want to tackle Hustler because he doesn't think he can get a conviction under the law." Flynt has been

down a similar road in Cincinnati, in the case detailed in Milos Forman's 1996 movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt*. In 1977, a Hamilton County jury found Hustler obscene and convicted Flynt of pandering obscenity. He served six days of a seven-to-25-year prison sentence, and the conviction was overturned on appeal. Flynt has said he wants another trial because he believes a jury today would find that Hustler does not violate community standards.

Women said to hurt more, but cope better

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Women are more likely to feel aches and pains than are men, but women are better at coping, recovering and not letting such physical afflictions upset their lives, researchers say.

Studies presented Tuesday at a conference of the National Institutes of Health found that the ability to deal with pain gives women a strength denied to suffer-in-silence males.

A study of men and women who had arthritis, a common disorder of aging that affects both genders, found that women tended to have a keener sense of pain than men, but that men were more apt to let the discomfort sour their mood.

"Women reported 40 percent more pain than men, but women coped better with it," said Dr. Francis Keefe of Ohio University. He's the author of a study of pain in 99 women and 48 men suffering from arthritis.

Women, said Keefe, tended to regard pain as a call-to-action, and they took measures to overcome the discomfort or to relieve it through what he called "emotional coping." This coping included distracting activities, venting emotions, seeking support of others and even finding comfort in prayer.

Men used fewer such coping skills and, in the long run, suffered more.

After a day of arthritis pain, said Keefe, "men have a greater carry-over of negative mood. Women are less likely to report a negative mood," meaning that they have more quickly recovered from the emotional effects of the pain.

A woman's keener perception and vulnerability to pain, in the long run, "gives them greater strength," said Dr. Karen Berkley, a pain researcher at Florida State University. "Their tendency to identify pain and to do something about it is greater," said Berkley.

IRS report cites privacy threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a phone call to the Internal Revenue Service, a government investigator was able to get confidential taxpayer records of prominent people including a mayor and a sports announcer by providing little more than their names, addresses and Social Security numbers.

"Under current procedures, an impostor who knows a taxpayer's name, address and Social Security number can find out tax

and income information from the Internal Revenue Service with a simple phone call," according to a 1997 internal IRS audit of agency practices.

A copy of the audit, dated Sept. 30, 1997, was obtained by The Associated Press. In response to the findings, the IRS said it quickly strengthened its procedures last fall by requiring taxpayers to provide more detailed information from their tax returns in order to receive

sensitive records.

"I am extremely confident that what we require exceeds what very well might be required in private industry," said Ron Watson, the IRS executive officer for customer service. "We have put far more stringent requirements in place now."

"Is it an absolutely foolproof system?" Watson continued. "I don't think any system is foolproof." Watson said he welcomed the report's scrutiny.

Judge who drank after DUI trial quits

SEATTLE (AP) — A judge who admitted drinking beer with a defense lawyer and prosecutor while a jury deliberated a drunken-driving case resigned Tuesday, saying he showed "extremely poor judgment."

Lakewood Municipal Judge Ralph H. Baldwin also says he invited jury members and the lawyers to join him for a drink after the jury returned a guilty verdict.

His resignation came a day after the state's judicial watchdog board brought charges against him.

In a letter, Baldwin apologized to the Lakewood City Council.

"I want you to know that none of my words or actions on that evening arose from malice but rather from a misguided sense of congeniality and extremely poor judgment," Baldwin wrote. "To each of you, I extend my sincere apologies."

Baldwin had served just three months on the \$65,000-a-year job in Lakewood, south of Tacoma. He did not return a telephone call seeking comment Tuesday.

The Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct brought charges after investigators said they found that Baldwin left the court Feb. 20 while the jury was deliberating and returned with a 12-pack of beer.

He offered beer to the defense lawyer, assistant city attorney and court administrator. The lawyers accepted, but the administrator declined, and Baldwin called her a "wimp or words to that effect," investigators said.

House majority leader rips 'shameless' Clinton

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — House Majority Leader Dick Armey says that if he were facing the same sexual misconduct allegations as President Clinton, he would resign.

"I believe he's a shameless person," Armey told about 50 government students Monday

at Coppell High School.

"If it were me that had documented personal conduct along the lines of the president's, I would be so filled with shame that I would resign," he said. "This president won't do that. His basic credo in life is, 'I will do whatever I

can get away with.'"

Armey's remarks were some of the harshest yet by a top Republican since a federal judge dismissed Paula Corbin Jones' sexual misconduct lawsuit against the president last week.

Armey continued his attack

today, saying it was a matter of personal responsibility, "a value all parents try to instill in their children, as a crucial element of good character."

"I stand by my remarks, which reinforced the importance of personal responsibility."

N. Ireland talks in critical stage

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Facing the most critical hours of Northern Ireland's tortuous negotiations, the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland will band together today in hopes of clawing back Protestant support for a compromise deal.

British leader Tony Blair flew in Tuesday night after Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, rejected a confidential draft agreement by the talks' chairman, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell.

At Hillsborough Castle southwest of

Belfast, Blair spent two hours with Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. His pro-British party speedily rejected Mitchell's 65-page plan, contending it would give the Irish Republic too much influence in Northern Ireland.

Blair later talked until almost midnight with Mitchell. The former Senate majority leader, a joint appointee of the British and Irish governments, has overseen the Belfast negotiations since their June 1996 start.

This morning, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern expects to join both Blair

and Trimble at the castle. He hopes to salvage the effort to achieve an agreement on how Northern Ireland should be governed by Thursday night, Mitchell's intended deadline.

In a measure of how serious the crisis is, Ahern's mission comes on the same day that his 87-year-old mother, Julia, is being buried.

He will fly back for the Dublin funeral, then come straight back to the east Belfast negotiating venue at Stormont, the center of British administration in Northern Ireland.

Romanian sailors abandoned on decaying ship off Mexico

ABOARD THE OITUZ (AP) — From the sweltering deck of this rusty, cockroach-infested cargo ship, 22 Romanians who call the Oituz home can see the faint outline of the Mexican coast.

Each man knows the contour of that coastline, every hill, every inlet. It has been their view for eight interminable months, ever since the Oituz's propeller broke Aug. 10 and the crew dropped anchor seven miles offshore.

Since then, they have waited — for food, water, money and for a new propeller.

"It's like jail. But in jail, three times a day there is food and water," said Second Mate Nicolescu Roberto, 44.

The Oituz is one of 22 Romanian ships carrying 500 sailors that are stranded worldwide, according to Romania's Transport Ministry. The

ships, some of them stuck for years, were rented by the Romanian state shipping firm Navrom to companies that failed to pay duties, salaries or even what was needed to keep the ships moving.

Only a few sailors accepted Navrom's offer to fly them home, because they must forfeit their pay in return. And with no money or Mexican visas, they cannot stay on land.

A few crewmen take a motor boat to the nearby port of Frontera, 450 miles east of Mexico City, to buy food at the market every couple of weeks — but only when the company sends a little money. Rations meant for eight days are stretched over 15.

Once, when no food money arrived, Frontera residents took pity on the crew and chipped in to buy vegetables and fruit. The one thing they have plenty of is sugar.

North, S. Korea officials are set to meet in Beijing

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea agreed today to send officials to Beijing for Seoul's first talks with North Korea in four years.

The agreement to meet in the Chinese capital clears the way for talks Saturday between the two longtime rivals.

It is the first official contact between the Pyongyang and Seoul since the death of North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in 1994.

North Korea proposed last week that vice ministerial-level officials from both sides meet in Beijing on Saturday to discuss aid South Korean aid to Pyongyang and "other matters of mutual concern."

South Korea immediately accepted the date, but suggested the venue be somewhere on the Korean peninsula — a proposal the North rejected.

Today, the Seoul government finally relented.

U.K., U.S. differ on weapons procurers lists

By Journal of Commerce

The British government has quietly given exporters a list of foreign buyers that have sought materials for weapons of mass destruction. But a similar U.S. program remains stalled by diplomatic concerns.

The confidential list furnished by Britain's Department of Trade and Industry to

the nation's exporters contains more than 200 names of suspected proliferators in "countries of primary concern," including Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, India and Pakistan.

The names are reportedly compiled with information from British intelligence agencies.

The U.S. Commerce Department started publishing a

similar list of companies seeking weapons materials or technology in February 1997.

But the effort has been virtually halted by objections from the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

To date, there are only 15 names on the U.S. "entity list," although several have multiple divisions.

No names have appeared in the Federal Register since last June, mostly because of diplomatic embarrassment with countries involved, including Israel, sources say.

The British list, obtained by The Journal of Commerce, poses a difficult question for U.S. officials. If Britain can do it, why can't the United States?

Replica of Titanic to be built

NEW YORK (AP) — A Swiss-U.S. partnership said it will build a \$500 million, full-size replica of the Titanic and have it ready for the 90th anniversary of the ship's sinking.

"It cannot sink," assured Walter Navratil, president of the Swiss-based development company White Star Line Ltd., in Monday's New York Post.

Navratil said the oil-fueled steamer will make a Southampton, England-New York round trip in April 2002. The ship will pause in the North Atlantic 560 miles off Newfoundland, where 1,500 passengers died on April 15, 1912. Tickets will cost \$10,000 to \$100,000, organizers said. After the voyage, the ship will serve as a pleasure cruiser. The developers said they copyrighted the name "R.M.S. Titanic" with the Institute for Intellectual Property in Switzerland last week. "We thought now would be the right moment, because the whole world is keen on *Titanic*," said spokeswoman Annette Voelcker.

MTV ready to start special Russia edition

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — Will it be Boris and Butt-head?

MTV is launching a 24-hour music channel in Russia, claiming it will be the first time a Western television network has customized a channel for that country.

MTV Russia will be about evenly divided between Russian music and programming and shows popularized in the United States with subtitles or Russian translations, organizers said Monday.

"There is a very large young Russian population and it is interested in rock and pop music and wants to be plugged into the rest of the world," said Tom Freston, chairman and CEO of MTV Networks.

The new network will expand MTV's global reach. There are already special MTV editions for Europe, Asia, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Latin America and New Zealand.

Freston estimates about half of the estimated 600 million television homes in the world will very soon have access to MTV.

MTV Russia will begin airing at the end of this year, available in Moscow

and St. Petersburg at first and gradually spreading across the country.

Some of MTV's programming has already been shown there, sold in syndication to Russian TV networks.

And while other western networks, such as CNN, beam their signals in Russia, Freston said none has created a network specifically for that market.

Singer Pilatus mourned

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Milli Vanilli's Fabrice Morvan mourned his former singing partner, Rob Pilatus, and lamented the lip-synching duo's quick ascension in the pop music world and even quicker fall.

"I am feeling tremendous pain and sorrow upon hearing the news of my friend and brother Rob.

He will always be a part of me," Morvan commented in a statement released Monday. "I will deeply miss Rob forever."

Pilatus, a former model who turned to drugs after Milli Vanilli was stripped of a 1989 best new artist Grammy Award, died alone in a German hotel room late Thursday, apparently after consuming alcohol and pills. He was 33.

German police said they found no evidence of suicide or violence.

"Milli Vanilli was not a disgrace," Morvan said.

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In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1988 — Iranian workmen began refueling a Kuwaiti jetliner after hijackers holding 50 hostages fired five shots at police and threatened to take off with near-empty tanks.

20 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1978 — President Carter announced he was deferring production of neutron, or advanced radiation, weapons in a measure to encourage Soviet nuclear arms reduction.

30 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1968 — Jim Clark of Scotland, one of the most successful race car drivers in the history of the sport, was killed in Hockenheim, West Germany, when his Formula 2 Lotus-Ford went out of control.

40 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1958 — The Supreme Court threw out naturalization proceedings against racketeer Frank Costello, giving him a clear-cut victory in his fight against the government's efforts to deport him.

50 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1948 — Harold Stassen upset Gen. Douglas MacArthur and New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the important Wisconsin presidential primary.

Captain Kangaroo joins Hall of Fame

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bob Keeshan, best known as Captain Kangaroo, was inducted Monday into the National Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame.

Keeshan, who created the award-winning children's show in 1955, accepted the NAB's highest award at its annual convention here and received a standing ovation.

The six-time Emmy-winning *Captain Kangaroo* ran on CBS for 30 years — the longest-running children's TV show ever, the NAB said.

Keeshan got his TV start on the *Howdy Doody* show, where he played Clara-belle the Clown, a character he created and played for five years.

Clemens hurt as Twins clobber Blue Jays, 12-2

By Associated Press

Even before he took the mound, Roger Clemens could tell something was wrong. The Minnesota Twins knew it, too.

Clemens pulled himself after just seven pitches, leaving with a strained right groin Tuesday night in Toronto's 12-2 loss at the Metrodome.

Clemens said he hurt himself while warming up in the bullpen. He returned to the clubhouse, and his condition did not improve.

"I came in to do some stretching and as we stretched it, I got a little sharp pain and thought, 'Maybe I better not do that,'" Clemens said.

Blue Jays trainer Tommy Craig said it was a mild strain, and compared the injury to one that caused Clemens to miss one start last April.

"I think it was smart on his part to shut it down rather than trying to throw through it and end up missing two or three

weeks," Craig said.

Clemens said he doesn't expect to miss more than one start, at most.

"I don't think I tore it, and a matter of fact, I'm pretty sure I didn't," Clemens said. "I think I've got a pretty deep strain, so I'm going to have to go tomorrow and see how I feel."

In other games, New York topped

Seattle 13-7, Anaheim beat Boston 6-1, Baltimore defeated Kansas 11-7 and Detroit downed Tampa Bay 3-1.

Clemens (1-1) wound up as the losing pitcher in the shortest start of his career.

"We knew something was wrong because he didn't warm up like he usually does," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "We didn't know if he was sick or what."



Clemens walked leadoff hitter Matt Lawton on five pitches and fell behind 2-0 to Brent Gates before calling time. Manager Tim Johnson went to the mound and took out the Toronto ace.

"Normally when Clemens throws his high pitch you can barely see it," Lawton said. "But I had no problem picking up his first pitch. It was one of the rare times when I was actually hoping Clemens would throw me a strike."

Robert Person relieved and walked Gates, a walk charged to Clemens. Both runners eventually scored in a four-run first inning, keyed by Marty Cordova's two-run triple.

Bob Tewksbury (1-1) gave up one run and two hits with no walks in seven innings. He retired his final 18 batters.

Last Wednesday, Clemens pitched Toronto past the Twins and Tewksbury 3-2.

Tiger has the game for Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tiger Woods turned pro 20 months ago with two simple words: Hello, world. He returned to Augusta National with an equally short but chilling message.

"I'm back," he said.

The words that followed could not have been any more comforting to the rest of the field out to prove the Masters is not solely Woods' domain.



His 18-under-par 270, which broke the record last set by Raymond Floyd in 1976, can be even lower. His game, from 300-yard drives that led to short irons into the greens and no three-putts over 72 holes, is even better.

The confidence that Woods can add another green jacket to what soon could be a very cramped locker is even higher.

"I think this year is much easier, because I know how to win here," Woods said Tuesday. "I think as the years go on, it will be even easier, because I know the nuances of the golf course now."

Milwaukee welcomes National League's return

By The Associated Press

It figured fans in Milwaukee were happy, since NL baseball returned to their city for the first time in 33 years. And it made sense that fans in Philadelphia were happy, too — after all, the woeful World Series champs were in town.

"That's the largest crowd I've ever seen here," Brewers pitcher Scott Karl said Tuesday after 51,408 came to County Stadium and saw Milwaukee beat the winless Montreal Expos 6-4. "There were times last year when I actually enjoyed pitching on the road more because the crowds were so loud, so exciting."

Milwaukee became the first team this century to switch leagues. It was the first

NL game in town since Sept. 22, 1965, when the Braves lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 11 innings. They moved to Atlanta the following season.



"We left in '66 because no one came to the games," said Expos manager Felipe Alou, a former Milwaukee Braves.

"So, it was encouraging to see so many people. Once the game starts, though, you don't have time for nostalgia."

In Philadelphia, Phillies' fans could be excused if they celebrated on the way to the ballpark.

After all, Florida purged most of its top

players after winning the World Series as owner H. Wayne Huizenga decimated the roster.

While the Marlins extended the night into extra innings, Doug Glanville hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning, giving the Phillies a 9-8 win and sending Florida to its seventh straight loss following an opening-day victory.

In other games, Los Angeles beat Arizona 9-1 in the first game watched by new Dodgers owner Rupert Murdoch, Atlanta routed Pittsburgh 11-3, St. Louis beat Colorado 12-11, San Francisco beat Houston 5-4 in 10 innings, San Diego beat Cincinnati 3-2 in 10 innings and New York beat Chicago 3-2.

Red Wings bury St. Louis, 5-3

By Associated Press

While teams are scrambling at the bottom for playoff positions, there's a heck of a battle going on for home ice at the top of the NHL's Western Conference between the Detroit Red Wings and Dallas Stars.

With a 5-3 victory over St. Louis on Tuesday night, the Red Wings pulled even with the idle Stars for most points in the West.

"We're doing a little scoreboard watching," Detroit's Kris Draper said. "We just want to keep winning hockey games, and if that happens it could be interesting at

the end."

Although Detroit and Dallas both have 99 points, the Stars currently hold the conference's No. 1 playoff seed because they have two more wins than the Red Wings. The Red Wings have five games remaining and the Stars six.

Meanwhile, the San Jose Sharks made some headway in the torrid battle for the final playoff spots in the West with a 6-0 victory over Calgary.

San Jose, Chicago and Edmonton all have 72 points, but the Sharks hold down

the seventh position because of more victories.

Elsewhere, it was Montreal 3, New York Rangers 2; Phoenix 2, Pittsburgh 1; Toronto 3, Florida 1; and Boston 4, Ottawa 2.

Draper scored the tiebreaking goal with 2:06 left in regulation as the Red Wings extended their winning streak to four and broke the Blues' five-game winning streak.

Draper snapped a 3-3 tie, beating St. Louis goaltender Grant Fuhr to finish off a three-man break with Larry Murphy and Steve Yzerman.



2 Wizards face assault allegations

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Washington Wizards General Manager Wes Unseld reacted strongly Tuesday to sexual assault allegations against star players Juwan Howard and Chris Webber, saying he was "angry and disappointed" with the "lack of judgment that some of our players have used this season."

Unseld's statement came as Montgomery County, Md., police pursued the investigation, interviewing others who were at a party early Monday at which the assault allegedly occurred and examining evidence seized during searches of Howard's and Webber's homes.

Also Tuesday, more details became known about Howard and Webber's activities Sunday night and Monday morning. The two players, both 25, were among a group of about 15 people, including three women, that spent Sunday evening drinking in a Georgetown restaurant.

The group became rowdy and was asked to tone down its behavior after customer complaints, and one source said that the group was asked to leave the restaurant. Montgomery police said the sexual assault allegedly occurred hours later, during a party attended by about 40 people at a Potomac, Md., house that Howard rents.

Manning, Kemp, Strickland injured; Malone pours in 56

By Associated Press

Danny Manning went down with another knee injury, Shawn Kemp was knocked unconscious and Rod Strickland pulled up lame.

The only things falling faster than star players were the shots coming out of Karl Malone's hands.

Malone scored 56 points — the most by anyone in the NBA this season — as Utah edged Golden State 101-99 on an eventful Tuesday night that included a slew of injuries to some of the best players in the league.

Manning's injury appeared the most serious. He was flown back to Phoenix after injuring the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during the Suns' 103-97 victory at Sacramento. Manning has already undergone reconstructive surgery on both knees after suffering ACL injuries in the past.

"I believe I've blown it out again, that's my personal opinion," a dejected Manning said as he sat in the visitor's training room at Arco Arena. "I'm expecting the worse and hoping for the best. I've been there before, I know what to expect."

In other games, Indiana nipped Cleveland 82-80, Chicago defeated Washington 103-85, Minnesota topped Miami 92-89, Atlanta beat

New York 92-79, Portland defeated Dallas 99-91, Houston topped Denver 104-87, Milwaukee downed Toronto 114-105 and Vancouver beat the Los Angeles Clippers 110-94.

Kemp was knocked cold when he collided with Derrick McKey's elbow during the second quarter of the Cavs' loss at Indiana.

He was carted off the court on a stretcher before returning to play the second half.

"I didn't really even ask what happened," Kemp said. "That's what the game is about. You get hit and you've got to bounce back and take it and just go on."

Strickland suffered a strained left quadriceps late in the first half of the Wizards' loss at Chicago. He played only two minutes in the second half.

"We have six games left and I want to be able to play. It can be day-to-day. Who knows, tomorrow or the next day I can feel a whole lot better," Strickland said. "I was going to try to get out there and finish playing, but I spoke to the doctor and he said if I go out and there and play on it, I may pull it and be out the rest of the year."

At Oakland, Calif., Malone had the second-highest point total of his career and the fourth-highest in Jazz franchise history. He shot 18-for-29 from the field — including a 4-footer with 2.2 second left for the win — and 19-for-23 from the line.

